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SUBJECT: KIM VISIT TO HAITI

REF: SEOUL 4692 (NOTAL)

1. AN ROK GOODWILL DELEGATION LED BY NATIONAL UNIFICATION MINISTER KIM AND QUOTE SIM-CHO UNQUOTE OF THE SOUTH KOREAN MISSION TO THE UN PAID WELL PUBLICIZED CALLS ON GOH OFFICIALS, INCLUDING FOREIGN SECRETARY BRUTUS, ON AUGUST 6 AND -- THE DELEGATION'S LOCAL HOST WAS SOUTH KOREA'S HONORARY CONSUL GENERAL.

2. KIM'S ASSISTANT, KWONG KIM, TOLD ME THAT THE PURPOSE OF THEIR TOUR WAS TO BLOCK NORTH KOREAN EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH
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DIPLOMATIC AND TRADE RELATIONS IN THE CARIBBEAN AND LATIN

AMERICA. HE NOTED THAT NORTH KOREA HAD RAISED ITS WORLDWIDE OVERSEAS REPRESENTATION FROM 50 TO 65 IN THE PAST TWO YEARS, HAVING AMONG OTHER THINGS SET UP A LATIN AMERICAN HEADQUARTERS IN BUENOS AIRES, WHERE A 50-MAN MISSION WAS SEPARATED INTO FOUR OR FIVE TASK FORCES. NORTH KOREA MOST RECENTLY ESTABLISHED RELATIONS WITH COSTA RICA, AND ONLY ROK INTERVENTION PREVENTED SIMILAR SUCCESS IN PANAMA. HE HOPED THAT THEIR PRESENT MISSION MIGHT FORESTALL NORTH KOREAN INITIATIVES IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, AND GRANADA. HE ALSO POINTED OUT GLUMLY THAT WHILE NORTH KOREA WAS HAVING SUCCESS IN EXPANDING ITS TIES WITH THE NON-COMMUNIST WORLD, NO COMMUNIST COUNTRIES WERE ESTABLISHING LINKS WITH SEOUL. HE INSISTED THAT IDEOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES NOTWITHSTANDING, THE ROK WOULD BE INTERESTED IN REALTIONS WITH COMMUNIST GOVERNMENTS.

3. THE LOCAL PRESS REPORTED THE MISSION SOUGHT TO LAY THE GROUND-WORK FOR A COMMERCIAL ACCORD BETWEEN HAITI AND SOUTH KOREA, AND FOREIGN MINISTER BRUTUS' PUBLIC REMARKS REFERRED POINTEDLY TO SOUTH KOREA'S REMARKABLE SOUTH ECONOMY REACHING THE STAGE WHERE SEOUL COULD SHARE THE BENEFITS OF ITS EXPERIENCE WITH OTHERS. NEVERTHELESS, NEITHER SIDE REVEALED THAT ANY SPECIFIC COMMERCIAL OR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE UNDERTAKINGS WERE YET AGREED UPON.
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